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of those children ended up with a pre-existing condition that almost bankrupt that family. And the reason I bring this issue before you and the reason I think it's so important, that family was so devastated that they...they, in the future years, indicated to many of their friends that to adopt children was absolutely the wrong thing to do because it could in fact...that could happen. Now, we all know that can happen with our own children. But to have somebody put on them that has a pre-existing condition, that in this particular case should have been known and should have been told to them so that they would not have endured the tremendous expense, and so given that kind of circumstance, I think that we as a society certainly should not leave people to fear that they will be left with some burden that they never expected. As I said, it can happen with your own children, but to have it put on you when they knew that the situation existed, this particular condition, I think, was very devastating. So I appreciate this bill and I wanted to assure you that I will continue to support it. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Wesely, closing on the committee amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, one thing to clarify is that these children are our obligation, they are under the care of the state, and as a result, when we put them up for adoption, if we know of a medical condition we subsidize that adoption, we take responsibility for that medical care. So what Senator Pederson is saying is that's our obligation, we'd pay for it if we knew it, sometimes we don't know it, for whatever reason, and later we have a problem. It really is an extension of an obligation we already take because of the situation. So, again, I would ask for adoption of the committee amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Committee amendments are adopted. Anything